

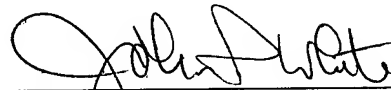
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Claims 1-26 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 3, 7-8, 17, and 20-24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-16, 18-19, and 25-26 will be pending and under examination.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee other than the filing fee of \$943.00, is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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